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Matsuno, a straight-laced lawyer, wakes up to a male prostitute, Rin, in his bed after a night of heavy drinking! Rin is like a stray cat with no place to go, working the city's night life to pick up clients and make a living. A few days later, Matsuno finds Rin looking for another client, and on the spur of the moment, goes up to him and tells him, "I'm not gay so I won't have sex with you, but I can offer you a bed and food." A sweet and bitter love story filled with misunderstandings.

Comes with a preview of a lovey-dovey sequel ♥

Animal-ears comedy, ♥

"The ear's feelings" series included!

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PROFILE

Born February 20th
Pisces. O blood type
From Osaka currently
in Fukuoka

I look forward to when
I have free time to go horse
riding but I recently found
out that I have a "sand allergy"
Horse uding grounds have lots
of sand and when I ride on the
beach, my eyes swell up the next
day but it's so much fun
that I can't stop

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Chapter 1
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LAST NIGHT I REMEMBER THAT I DRANK A LOT
I EVEN KNOW THAT I DON'T HOLD MY LIQUOR VERY WELL
BUT...
EVEN IF I DRINK SO MUCH THAT I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING
I'VE NEVER BROUGHT SOMEONE HOME WITH ME BEFORE

open
UNTIL NOW
OH, YOU'RE AWAKE. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO EAT?
I'M REALLY HUNGRY YA KNOW
YOU MIND IF I LOOK IN YOUR FRIDGE?
AND NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, HE'S A BOY
AND...
GO AHEAD
WHY AREN'T I WEARING ANYTHING?!
THANKS ♡

THANKS FOR THE FOOD ♡
UH YEAH. UM
RIN!
IT'S RIN SAKURA YOU'RE SHUUICHI MATSUNO, RIGHT?
YOU SERIOUSLY DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING? YOU WOULDN'T SHUT UP LAST NIGHT
WHAT DID I?
WHAAAT?! SO THAT MEANS YOU DON'T REMEMBER HOW YOU WERE TOTALLY HITTING ON ME AND WHAT YOU DID?!

SO WE DID IT?!
AND THAT WAS MY FIRST TIME, TOO!
REALLY?!
"WE DID IT" YOU ASK?
HOW CRUEL.
WHA... HOLD ON!
THERE'S NO WAY I-
FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS WILL BE ENOUGH

YOU'RE AN ADULT AREN'T YOU? YOU HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS
BESIDES, YOU WOULDN'T WANT PEOPLE KNOW WHAT YOU DID CONSIDERING YOUR CAREER, RIGHT
MR. LAWYER?
THEN WHAT?
I DIDN'T GIVE HIM THE MONEY IF I HAD THAT WOULD MEAN I WAS JUST BUYING SEX
DID YOU PAY THE MONEY?
WELL. YOU DID THE RIGHT THING

YOU WERE TRICKED.
THERE'S NO WAY A DRUNK GUY WITH NO EXPERIENCE WOULD BE ABLE TO SLEEP WITH A GUY FOR THE FIRST TIME
It's different and more complicated than when you do it with a woman
THAT RIN YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT WAS PROBABLY SOME RENT-BOY DOING FREE-LANCE WORK AROUND HERE
RENT-BOY? FREELANCE?
TO MAKE THINGS SHORT AND SIMPLE. HE'S A MALE PROSTITUTE
THEY USUALLY WORK FOR A STORE AND GIVE THEM A CUT OF THEIR PROFIT IN EXCHANGE FOR PRO-TECTION.
EVEN IF THIS IS THE SECOND DISTRICT, IT'S ON THE OUT-SKIRTS BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME LIKE HIM AROUND.
NI-CHOME: GAY DISTRICT IN SHINJUKU WITH LOTS OF GAY BARS AND CLUBS
The counter's open Come in♡
OH WELCOME ♡
Hi, Mama** Any seats open?
IT CAN BE REALLY DANGER-OUS
A RENT-BOY?
IF THEY PICK UP SOME BAD CLIENTELE THEN
**MAMA: NAME FOR OWNER OF A GAY OR CLUB (USUALLY FEMALE) BUT CAN ALSO BE USED FOR MALES TOO. EQUALLY AS GAY TRANSVESTITE SU

LOOK
Since Daiki opened a shop here
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, WHEN I WALK AROUND THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, I SEE PEOPLE LIKE THAT EVERY NOW AND THEN, BUT
I'VE NEVER REALLY CARED ABOUT IT
I MEAN, TO THINK SOME AVERAGE KID I WOULD...

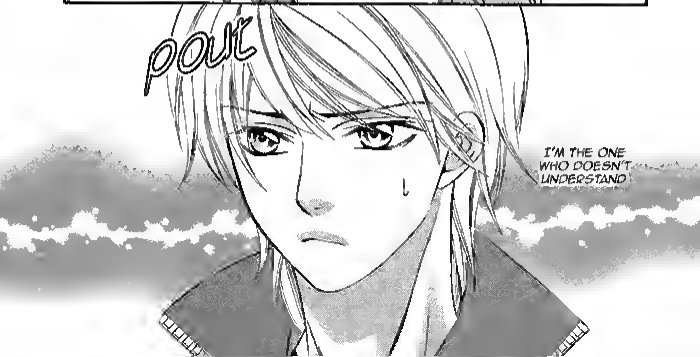
THAT'S...
ANGRY
RIN!
WHOA!

WHA...?
WAIT!
MATSUNO?!
Yakuza? His pimp?
What?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
LET GO
I SAID, LET GO!
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING!?
HE WAS A GOOD CATCH!

IS IT TRUE THAT...
YOU'RE SELLING YOURSELF?
YEAH, SO WHAT?
NOW WHAT? ARE YOU GONNA PAY ME INSTEAD THEN?
CLENCH!
IF I CAN'T GET A CLIENT, I'VE GOT NOWHERE TO SLEEP. SO COULD YA MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS?
IF I CAN GET A CLIENT, THEY'LL PAY FOR THE HOTEL AND I GET SOME C...SH.
I'LL PROVIDE YOU WITH A BED, EVEN FOOD.
BUT I CAN'T GIVE YOU ANY MONEY.

I'M JUST INVITING SOMEONE I KNOW TO MY HOUSE AND LETTING THEM STAY THE NIGHT THAT'S ALL
I'M NOT GAY SO I WON'T HAVE SEX WITH YOU
WHAT AM I DOING?
WHAT,
YOU WANT TO SLEEP WITH ME FOR FREE?

WHAT AM I SAYING?
YOU HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO, RIGHT?
I DON'T GET IT AT ALL!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I'M THE ONE WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND

THE BED!
stomp
stomp
stomp
Flop

HEY, LEARN TO HOLD BACK A LITTLE
THIS IS GREAT! WAY BETTER THAN THE ONES AT THOSE CHEAP LOVE HOTELS
sure
coming
stretched out

BUT...
I DIDN'T LIKE WHAT I SAW

I DON'T WANT TO
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU'D PROVIDE A BED.
I GET THE BED AND YOU GET THE SOFA
I RARELY EVER GET A CHANCE TO SPOIL MYSELF LIKE THIS.
I can spread out my arms and legs while I sleep, and I can even use a bath tub
IF THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL, WHY ARE YOU LIVING THIS TYPE OF LIFE?
THERE HAS TO BE OTHER JOBS OUT THERE
YOU REALLY ARE STUPID.
OR MAYBE YOU'RE THE KIND A GUY WHO NEVER HAD TO WORK A DAY IN HIS LIFE.
IF YOU DON'T HAVE AN ADDRESS, YOU CAN'T GET A JOB. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A JOB, YOU CAN'T RENT A PLACE TO STAY.
THAT'S HOW THE WORLD WORKS.

PEOPLE LIKE ME WHO LOSE A HOME THEY CAN GO BACK TO,
CAN NEVER FIND A PLACE TO GO BACK TO
A HOME YOU CAN GO BACK TO?
I THINK IT WAS WHEN I WAS A JUNIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL
MY DAD FOUND OUT I WAS GAY. PUNCHED ME.
THEN THREW ME OUT. THAT WAS IT
HE SAID HE WOULD NEVER EVER FORGIVE ME OR APPROVE OF IT
THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE LIKE THAT HOMO-PHOBICS... RIGHT?

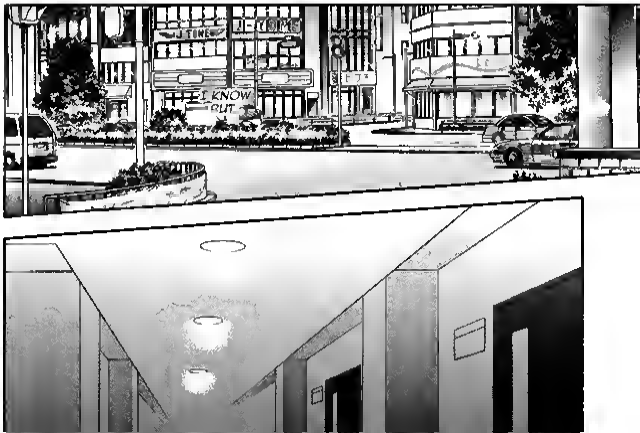
MY DAD JUST HAPPENED TO BE ONE OF THEM
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT
BUT...
THAT'S JUST...
IT'S FINE
EVENTUALLY I FOUND MYSELF IN SHINJUKU
THERE WERE LOTS OF PEOPLE JUST LIKE ME
THERE WERE MEN WILLING TO GIVE ME MONEY TO SLEEP WITH THEM.
IT'S MUCH BETTER THAN BEING WITH MY PIECE OF SCUM PARENTS

WELL, THANKS
THE FOOD WAS REAL GOOD TOO
RIN!
COME TO MY PLACE WHEN YOU CAN'T FIND A PLACE TO SLEEP
I'LL AT LEAST BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU A BED.

YOU SHOULD STOP BEING SO NICE
THAT'S NOT IT
NO MATTER HOW MUCH SYMPATHY I HAVE
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO CHANGE THE CIRCUMSTANCES HE'S IN.
SO IT MUST BE GUILT MAKING ME FEEL THIS WAY.

ISN'T THAT A GOOD THING?
WHY ARE YOU SO DEPRESSED?
IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR HALF A MONTH
IT JUST MEANS HE'S BEEN ABLE TO FIND MORE CLIENTS
clatter
BUT
I'M SURE HE WON'T COME AGAIN

I KNOW...
YOU'RE STRAIGHT AND IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE GONNA FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM OR ANYTHING
IF YOU CAN ONLY HALFHEARTEDLY HELP HIM, THAT'S JUST CRUEL.
YOU KNOW YOU SHOULDN'T THINK TOO MUCH ABOUT THIS
Oh! SORRY


I KNOW... BUT...

RIN?!
!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!
YOU'RE ALL BEAT UP!
Hahaha!
LOOKS LIKE I PICKED THE WRONG CLIENT
NOT ONLY DID I GET BEATEN UP, BUT HE TOOK EVERY-THING I HAD SO I THOUGHT THAT I WOULD BORROW YOUR BED.

I GET IT JUST COME-
OW!
RIP?
IS IT BROKEN?
NO I CAN'T
I DON'T HAVE ANY HEALTH INSURANCE
WE SHOULD GO TO THE HOSPITAL FIRST
BUT I THINK I'LL BE OKAY
JUST LET ME REST
-FOR NOW

HE WAS A PRETTY GOOD GUY, Y'KNOW?
WE TALKED TILL WE GOT TO THE HOTEL AND IT WAS REALLY FUN
"IF YOU CAN ONLY HALFHEARTEDLY HELP HIM, THAT'S JUST CRUEL."
IT WAS LIKE I WAS JUST FLIRTING WITH HIM.

I'M REALLY STUPID
BUT I GUESS I CAN'T CALL IT FLIRTING SINCE I'M JUST SELLING MYSELF
I KNOW

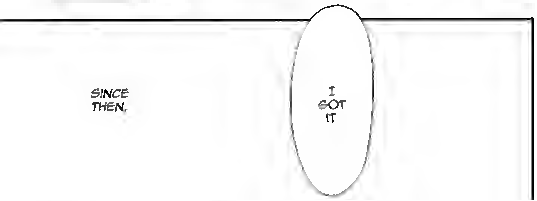
I KNOW, BUT...
IF YOU HAVE THAT, YOU CAN COME IN WHENEVER YOU WANT
MY HOUSE KEY
WHAT'S THIS?

YOU WANT ME TO HOLD ON TO IT? WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU THINKING?
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF I STOLE SOMETHING AND THEN RAN OFF?
YOU WOULDN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT
AS LONG AS YOU HAVE THAT
YOU'LL AT LEAST HAVE FOOD AND A PLACE TO SLEEP

PICK BETTER CLIENTS
BUT
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO TELL HIM.
"IT'S NOT MUCH BUT I CAN LEND YOU MONEY."
"SO STOP SELLING YOURSELF"
I CAN'T
I CAN'T TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT
CLENCH!

YOU'RE FREELANCE, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUSH YOURSELF WHEN GETTING CLIENTS.
IF YOU THINK YOU'RE IN ANY TROUBLE, JUST COME BACK HERE
GOT IT?
YOU'RE REALLY...

I--


SINCE THEN,
I GOT IT.

He's not here
rustle
RIN?
I'M BACK
RIN AND I HAVE STARTED LIVING TOGETHER A SOMEWHAT ODD SITUATION
flop
AFTER RIN'S WOUNDS HEALED HE WENT BACK TO WORKING THE CITY'S NIGHTLIFE FOR CLIENTS

RIN WON'T SETTLE DOWN HERE.
EVEN IF I GIVE HIM A PLACE TO SLEEP OR FOOD TO EAT.
HE'S JUST LIKE A CAT.
IN THE CITY AT NIGHT WITH OTHER PEOPLE JUST LIKE HIM.
RIN WILL BE SEARCHING

NOT JUST FOR A CLIENT WHO WILL DROP SOME MONEY ON HIM, BUT
A MAN WITH THE SAME SEXUAL PREFERENCE
MAYBE EVEN SOMEONE HE COULD CALL LOVER
AND IF THAT'S THE CASE

THAT'S WHY RIN WON'T SETTLE DOWN HERE.

THESE FEELINGS OF LONELINESS AND FRUSTRATION
ARE PROBABLY JUST ME BEING SELFISH.